

NS 4510: Democratization and Reform in Latin America
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Course Description:

Almost all countries in Latin America, with the exception of Cuba, have achieved some level of democratization since the late 1970s. Most of these countries have held at least two consecutive elections since their transitions to democracy, and almost all have experienced a peaceful transfer of power between opposing political forces. However, the quality of democracy across the region varies widely, ranging from a relatively unstable Paraguay, to a democratizing Mexico, to the relatively consolidated democracies of Argentina and Brazil.

This course is designed to explore the challenges facing the consolidation of democracy in Latin America today. It looks beyond the issues associated with 'getting to democracy,' such as founding elections, and it focuses instead on 'second stage' issues and reforms. We will begin by examining some of the theoretical issues associated with the consolidation of democracy. However, the bulk of the course will be dedicated to addressing issues such as political, economic and judicial reform, human rights and the rule of law, civilian control of the armed forces and civil-society. Throughout the course, we will also discuss current events in Latin America.

Course Materials:

The following books are available through the NEX bookstore. They may also be found at Dudley Knox Library. Please note that most of these are edited volumes, so not all chapters in each book will be used during this course.

Diamond, Hartlyn, Linz and Lipset, Democracy in Developing Countries: Latin America (2nd ed.) Lynner Rienner, 1999.

Aguero, Felipe and Jefferey Stark, Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, North-South Center Press, 1998.

Geddes, Barbara, Politician's Dilemma, University of California Press, 1994.

Kingstone, Peter, Crafting Coalitions for Reform, Penn State Press, 1999.

Centeno, Miguel Angel, Democracy within Reason: The Technocratic Revolution in Mexico, Penn State Press, 1994.

Readings marked with a * on the schedule will be included in a course reader that will be available in Dudley Knox Library.

Course Requirements and Evaluation:

Each student will be expected to write a 25-30 page seminar paper on a topic related to this course. Each student will be expected to complete a series of steps prior to presenting the final version of the seminar paper.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Class Participation:	30%
Abstract and preliminary bibliography	10%
Paper Introduction	10%
Rough Draft (Optional)	15 %
Final Seminar Paper	50% (35% if rough draft has already been submitted.)

SCHEDULE

PART I: Setting the Stage: Democracy in Latin America

WEEK ONE Democratization and Reform in Latin America

Diamond, Hartlyn and Linz, introduction.

*Manuel Pastor and Carol Wise, "The Politics of Second-Generation Reform,"
http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v010/10.3pastor.html

Lechner, Norbert, "The Transformation of Politics," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America,
Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

WEEK TWO A Crisis in Democracy in Modern Latin America?

*Schmitter, Philippe, "Dangers and Dilemmas of Democracy," Journal of Democracy, April 1994.

O'Donnell, Delegative Democracy article?

Diamond, Hartlyn, Linz, chapters on Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic.

PART II: Reform in Latin America

WEEK THREE The Role of State Capacity in Reform in Latin America

Geddes, Barbara, Politician's Dilemma, University of California Press, 1994.

Abstract and preliminary bibliography are due this week.

WEEK FOUR Reforming Political Institutions

Hagopian, Frances, "Democracy and Political Representation in Latin America in the 1990s," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

*Whitehead, Laurence, "Institutional Design and Accountability in Latin America," paper presented at LASA 2000.

*Levitsky, Steve and Maxwell Cameron, "Democracy without Parties? Political Parties and Regime Collapse in Fujimori's Peru," prepared for presentation at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Washington DC, Sept. 6-8, 2001.

WEEK FIVE The Politics of Economic Reform in Democratic Latin America

Kingstone, Peter, Crafting Coalitions for Reform, Penn State Press, 1999 (all).

Atilio Borón, "Faulty Democracies?: A reflection on the capitalist 'fault lines' in Latin America," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

WEEK SIX Experts and Politicians in Reform Processes

Centeno, Miguel Angel, Democracy within Reason: The Technocratic Revolution in Mexico, Penn State Press, 1994.

Diamond, Hartlyn, Linz, chapter on Mexico.

PART IV: Reforming State-Society Relations

WEEK SEVEN Dealing with the Shadow of the Past: Human Rights and Accountability in Latin America

*Pion-Berlin and Arcenaux, "Tipping the Civil-Military Balance: Institutions and Human Rights Policy in Democratic Argentina and Chile," *Comparative Political Studies*, 31:5 (October 1998).

*Policzer, Pablo, "The Paradox of Truth vs. Justice: Trials for State Crimes in Chile and Argentina," paper presented at LASA 2000.

Reading on El Salvador's peace process TBA

WEEK EIGHT Judicial Reform and the Rule of Law in Latin America

*Weyland, Kurt, "The Politics of Corruption in Latin America," *Journal of Democracy* 9.2 (1998), 108-121.

Fruhling, Hugo, "Judicial Reform and Democratization in Latin America," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

Holston, James and Teresa Caldeira, "Democracy, Law and Violence: Disjunctions of Brazilian Citizenship," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

*Stanley, William, "Building New Police Forces in El Salvador and Guatemala: Learning and Counter-Learning," paper presented at LASA 2000.

WEEK NINE Consolidating Democratic Civilian Control of the Armed Forces

*Trinkunas, Harold, "Crafting Civilian Control in Emerging Democracies," *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, Fall 2000.

Wendy Hunter and Michael Desch chapters in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

*Fuentes, Claudio, "Civilian Warfare: Elite Cleavages and Military Subordination in Chile," paper presented at LASA 2000, Miami, FL.

Rough Draft (optional) due this week.

WEEK TEN The State, Civil Society and Democracy in Latin America

*Murillo, M. Victoria, "From Populism to Neoliberalism: Labor Unions and Market Reforms in Latin America," *World Politics* 52 (January 2000): 135-174.

*Smulovitz, Catalina and Enrique Peruzzotti, "Societal Accountability in Latin America," *Journal of Democracy*, 11.4 (October 2000): 147-158.

Varas, Augusto, "Democratization in Latin America: A Citizen's Responsibility," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

Degregori, Carlos Ivan, "Ethnicity and Democratic Governability in Latin America: Reflections from Two Central Andean Countries," in Fault Lines of Democracy in Latin America, Aguero and Stark, eds. North-South Center Press, 1998.

Final draft of Seminar Paper due on first day of Finals Week.